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Prescott National Forest Plans to Burn Slash Piles

PRESCOTT, AZ(March 20, 2006) - Prescott National Forest fire officials will burn approximately 100 acres of accumulated slash piles located near Groom Creek Horsecamp and Upper Wolf Creek on Tuesday, March 21 through Friday, March 24, weather conditions permitting.

Multiple small smoke columns will be visible throughout these areas. As nighttime temperatures decrease, remaining smoke will settle in lower areas. There will be minimal smoke impact from these projects. Some larger piles may smolder for a couple of days and will continue to be monitored by fire personnel throughout the week

These slash piles are the result of recent forest thinning projects. The goals are to improve forest health and reduce the intensity of a potential wildland fire.

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